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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**

On October 1, 2007 the Applicants filed a petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to accept a Declaration and Power of Attorney that was not signed by Mr. William Tippins, a joint inventor of the above referenced application. This petition was filed because, as of October 1, 2007, the Assignee of the above referenced application was unable to obtain the signature of Mr. William Tippins despite a *bone fide* and diligent effort by the Assignee to obtain it.

After Applicants filed the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) on October 1, 2007, Mr. William Tippins signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney on October 2, 2007 and returned it to the representative of the Assignee.

With this Request, the Applicants respectfully submit herewith the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Mr. William Tippins on October 2, 2007. For the reasons stated above, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 filed on October 1, 2007 and acceptance of the Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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